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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Way )  
Serial No.: 10/046,139 ) Group No.: Not assigned  
Filed: 01/09/2002 ) Examiner: Not assigned  
For: SPLIT WAVE METHOD AND )  
APPARATUS FOR TRANSMITTING )  
DATA IN LONG-HAUL )  
OPTICAL FIBER SYSTEMS )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Before examination, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**In the Specification:**

On page 1, please amend paragraph 1 to read as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part and claims the benefit of Serial No. 60/260,696 filed January 9, 2001, and is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/575,811 filed May 22, 2000, and is a continuation in part and claims the benefit of Serial No. 60/346,786 filed January 7, 2002, all of which applications are fully incorporated herein by reference.